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List of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for switching between a browser mode and a video mode in a ~~standalone CD-ROM~~ video system for playing a ~~CD-ROM disk~~ video having a plurality of video clips, the method comprising the steps of:

loading, in the browser mode, data segment of a browser program into a memory for use by a user to browse contents of the video representative of the video clips;

selecting, ~~within~~ while in the browser mode, a one of the video clips by browsing the contents of the video for playback;

storing a return address for the browser mode in the memory, in response to the selecting step;

switching from the browser mode to a the video mode, in response to the selecting step;

displacing the data segment of the browser program in the memory with a video bitstream representative of the video clip;

playing the ~~selected~~ video clip from the memory in the video mode; and

retrieving the return address for the browser mode from the memory after the playing step; and

returning to the browser mode according to the return address to enable the user to resume the browsing of the contents of the video representative of the ~~content of the CD-~~

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ROM disk video clips, wherein the returning step includes displacing the video bitstream in the memory with the data segment of the browser program.

~~wherein the switching step further comprises the steps of:~~

~~reserving a portion of a memory other than the CD-ROM disk for the storing of a return address in the reserved portion of the memory; and storing the starting and ending addresses of the video in the reserved portion of the memory.~~

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): The method as recited in Claim 1 ~~wherein the video CD-ROM system plays the video from the starting address to the ending address~~ further comprises the steps of:

storing a filename as the return address for the browser mode; and storing starting and ending addresses of the video clip in the memory.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein the returning step further comprises ~~the steps of: reading the return address from the reserved portion of the memory; and~~ loading a return file corresponding to the return address.

Claims 5-7 (cancelled)

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Claim 8 (currently amended): The method as recited in Claim 7 1 wherein the ~~video CD-ROM system plays the video from the starting address to the ending address~~
data segment of the browser program includes HTML text.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The method as recited in Claim 6 1 wherein the data segment of the browser program includes images ~~returning step further comprises the steps of:~~

~~reading the return address from the reserved portion of the memory; loading data segment of the browser program; and loading a return file corresponding to the return address.~~

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method as recited in Claim 6 9 wherein the images are GIF or JPEG images ~~video is selected by a user in the browser mode.~~

Claims 11-28 (cancelled)

Claim 29 (new): A video system capable of switching between a browser mode and a video mode and playing a video having a plurality of video clips, the video system comprising:

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means for loading, in the browser mode, data segment of a browser program into a memory for use by a user to browse contents of the video representative of the video clips;

means for selecting, while in the browser mode, one of the video clips by browsing the contents of the video for playback;

means for storing a return address for the browser mode in the memory, in response to the selecting means;

means for switching from the browser mode to the video mode, in response to the selecting means;

means for displacing the data segment of the browser program in the memory with a video bitstream representative of the video clip;

means for playing the video clip from the memory in the video mode;

means for retrieving the return address for the browser mode from the memory after playing the video clip; and

means for returning to the browser mode according to the return address to enable the user to resume the browsing of the contents of the video representative of the video clips, wherein the returning means displaces the video bitstream in the memory with the data segment of the browser program.

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Claim 30 (new): The video system as recited in Claim 29 further comprising:
means for storing a filename as the return address for the browser mode;
and
means for storing starting and ending addresses of the video clip in the memory.

Claim 31 (new): The video system as recited in Claim 29 wherein the returning
means further loads a return file corresponding to the return address.

Claim 32 (new): The video system as recited in Claim 29 wherein the data segment
of the browser program includes HTML text.

Claim 33 (new): The video system as recited in Claim 29 wherein the data segment
of the browser program includes images.

Claim 34 (new): The video system as recited in Claim 33 wherein the images are
GIF or JPEG images.

Claim 35 (New): A processor readable storage medium having processor readable
code embodied on said processor readable storage medium, said processor readable code
for programming a processor to perform a method for switching between a browser mode

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and a video mode in a video system for playing a video having a plurality of video clips,
the method comprising the steps of:

loading, in the browser mode, data segment of a browser program into a memory
for use by a user to browse contents of the video representative of the video clips;

selecting, while in the browser mode, a one of the video clips by browsing the
contents of the video for playback;

storing a return address for the browser mode in the memory, in response to the
selecting step;

switching from the browser mode to a the video mode, in response to the selecting
step;

displacing the data segment of the browser program in the memory with a video
bitstream representative of the video clip;

playing the video clip from the memory in the video mode;

retrieving the return address for the browser mode from the memory after the
playing step; and

returning to the browser mode according to the return address to enable the user to
resume the browsing of the contents of the video representative of the video clips,
wherein the returning step includes displacing the video bitstream in the memory with the
data segment of the browser program.

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Claim 36 (new): The processor readable storage medium as recited in Claim 35,
wherein the method further comprises the steps of:

storing a filename as the return address for the browser mode; and
storing starting and ending addresses of the video clip in the memory.

Claim 37 (new): The processor readable storage medium as recited in Claim 35
wherein the returning step further comprises loading a return file corresponding to the
return address.

Claim 38 (new): The processor readable storage medium as recited in Claim 35
wherein the data segment of the browser program includes HTML text.

Claim 39 (new): The processor readable storage medium as recited in Claim 35
wherein the data segment of the browser program includes images.

Claim 40 (new): The processor readable storage medium as recited in Claim 39
wherein the images are GIF or JPEG images.